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REF: (A) GENEVA 01479 (B) GENEVA 4861 (JUNE 77)

1. INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) DIRECTOR
GENERAL BLANCHARD TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 10 THAT HE HAS
WRITTEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO SEND TEAM OF ILO EXPERTS TO ISRAEL
BEGINNING APRIL 3 OR 4 TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST
ISRAEL CONTAINED IN THE 1974 RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE. THE TEAM WOULD BE
HEADED BY NICOLAS VALTICOS, CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR STANDARDS DEPARTMENT.

2. BLANCHARD SAID HE SENT THE LETTER AT THE SUGGESTION
OF THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA. BLANCHARD STATED
THAT ON THE ADVICE OF ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION LEADER
LADHIRI (AN OLD FRIEND), BLANCHARD HAS ALSO ADVISED
ONLY THOSE ARAB COUNTRIES WITH A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE
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MATTER, I.E., SYRIA, JORDAN AND EGYPT. BLANCHARD HAS
ALSO DECIDED TO NOTIFY INFORMALY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION
ORGANIZATION (PLO) AND HE HAS INSTRUCTED LEGAL ADVISER
WOLF TO DO THIS.

3. BLANCHARD SAID HE BASED HIS REQUEST TO THE ISRAELIS
ON HIS LETTER OF JUNE 9, 1977, TO THE 1977 ILC

REGARDING HIS OBLIGATION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF
RESOLUTIONS (REF B) AND ON CONVENTION 111 CONCERNING
DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT WHICH ALL PARTIES IN THE
DISPUTE HAVE SIGNED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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